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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR  
DECEMBER 18, 1975:

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON YUGOSLAV INTRODUCTION OF AN  
AMENDMENT REFERRING TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ZIONISM AT UNESCO IN PARIS?

A. I WAS NOT AWARE OF THAT SPECIFIC MOVE BY YUGOSLAVIA.  
I WAS GENERALLY INFORMED ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE WERE  
OPPOSED TO WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN PARIS AT UNESCO (ADOPTION  
OF A PREAMBULAR CLAUSE THAT IN EFFECT EQUATES ZIONISM WITH  
RACISM). WE HADN'T ACTUALLY WALKED OUT BECAUSE, AS I  
UNDERSTAND, THAT SESSION HAD ALREADY ADJOURNED. BUT WE  
CERTAINLY WERE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE ACTION TAKEN BY  
UNESCO. AND WE WERE JOINED, AS YOU KNOW, BY OTHER  
COUNTRIES AS WELL.

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Q. IS THAT MEETING STILL UNDER WAY?

A. YES, I BELIEVE IT IS. I THINK IT IS SUPPOSED TO END  
SATURDAY OR PERHAPS MONDAY.

Q. AND ARE WE TAKING PART IN IT?

A. ON BACKGROUND, I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER WE HAVE MADE A DECISION. WE MAY RETURN FOR THE FINAL SESSION TO VOTE AND COMMENT ON THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION WHICH THE MEETING WILL ADOPT. BUT CERTAINLY IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING WE WOULD NOT RETURN BEFORE THAT TIME. BUT THE DECISION HAS NOT BEEN MADE.

Q. VOTE AND COMMENT ON THE FINAL--WHAT WAS THAT?

A. THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE POINTS THAT WE DISAGREE WITH. END BACKGROUND.

Q. IS THAT THE STORIES ON THE EXPERTS CONFERENCE OR A GENERAL CONFERENCE?

A. IT'S A UNESCO CONFERENCE ON MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES.

Q. IN VIEW OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT, I'M NOT QUITE SURE HOW THE UNITED STATES--THE GOVERNMENT--GETS INVOLVED IN ANY KIND OF CONFERENCE THAT TAKES UP THE QUESTION OF THE CONTENT OF WHAT'S IN THE NEWSPAPERS -- HOW THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT JUSTIFIES INVOLVEMENT IN A GOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON THE CONTENT OF NEWSPAPERS.

A. I WOULD THINK THAT THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER DEMOCRACIES THAT SHARE OUR ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLES OF FREE PRESS WOULD WANT VERY MUCH TO EXPRESS THAT POINT OF VIEW IN ANY INTERNATIONAL DELIBERATIONS THAT DEAL WITH THIS SUBJECT.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY REACTION ON MR. PERES' REMARKS TO THE NEW YORK TIMES ABOUT '76 WILL BE A YEAR OF CONSULTATIONS AND CONTACTS AND NOTHING POSITIVE WILL MATERIALIZE?  
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A. AS FAR AS FROM THE AMERICAN POINT OF VIEW WE DO NOT AGREE WITH THAT ANALYSIS. OUR POSITION IS AS WE HAVE STATED IT, WE ARE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM IN THE PEACE-MAKING PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AND WE REMAIN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED ABOUT THE BEST WAY TO PROCEED.

Q. YOU CAN MAINTAIN A MOMENTUM WITHOUT ANYTHING HAPPENING.

A. THAT IS NOT A UNILATERAL EFFORT BY THE UNITED STATES; IT TAKES THE COOPERATION OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED. BUT FOR OUR PART WE CERTAINLY REMAIN COMMITTED, AND WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO TRY.

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